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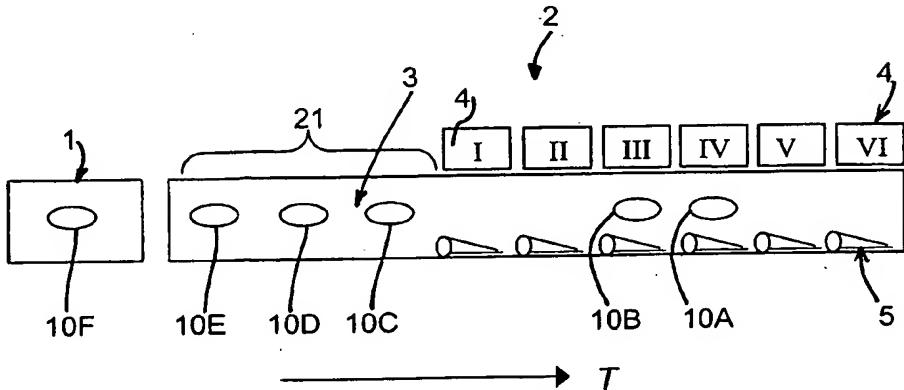
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(57) Abstract: The invention concerns an apparatus and a method for packing articles (10) having different weights into a plurality of batches at a number of collection positions (4), wherein each completed batch comprises a plurality of articles (10) and has a sum weight within a predetermined weight range. The method includes; providing a serial flow of articles on a conveyor; weighing (1) each article in the flow and recording the weights of the articles; conveying (3) the recorded articles to a hatching section (2); allocating the recorded articles to a collection position (4) within a predetermined decision time period; placing an allocated article in the predetermined collection position (4); and emptying a collection position (4) when the predetermined sum weight is obtained; whereby said allocation is performed on the basis of the weight of the recorded articles that are not yet positioned in one of the collection positions, and the content of the predetermined collection position (4). By the present invention, it is realised that the certainty of allocation can be improved by delaying the decision and expanding the number of articles to be decided on from one at a time to a multiple of articles (10) at the time.